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TEXAS CROPS AND WEATHER.

Crop prospects are very May 12.—Corn is growing, a days of warm weather out of the farmers' way.

s of cotton came in from lag in one train. It was m at 7% cents per pound. The Abilene country
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We had a good rain to have a good crop of core of core. The wheat the for many years, an average crop. Corn is the atread will be more that the atread will be more as it was that year. The highest for many years, as a lowest year as higher that has corner anything that has

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LANCASTER, May 12.—A glorious rain began falling at 4 p. m. to-day. It was much needed, as we have had none for three weeks and gardens were beginning to suffer. Farmers are well up with their work and crops are looking fine.

Ballinger, May 13.—The rain for the last two days has put every one in good spirits, as it was a very general rain.

ROCKDALE, May 14.—The prospects for

eorn and cotton to date in this section are excellent, but outs are not so promising. Farmers generally have clean fields and cotton chopping is progressing rapidly. Fruit, which for past two years has been almost a fallure, again gives little promise. MIAMI, May II.-It began raining here ast night about 12 o'clock and continued until noon to-day, which makes sure one of the best wheat crops this county has ever

raised. Evant, May 13 .- We have plenty of rain and crop prospects are fine. Small grain is good.

Memphis, May 15.—The farmers are jubliant over the prospects for a good small grain crop. The Gazette quoted Hall county as having an increase of acreage of 100 per cent over last year, which was a mistake, as we only had 1000 acres in wheat last year, and this year we have 5000 acres, and the late rains assure a good yield.

Salisbury, May 15.—Wheat, except where sown too thick, is doing well. Corn s growing finely and apparently is not suffering for moisture. Garden truck of all finds is in our markets, raised at home. The cool weather, accompanied by light rains this week, has done much to assist vegetation. Fruit frees that were set out last fail are doing well, and the prospect for necess of the orchardist is encouraging.

TULIA, May 12.—A steady, gentle rain fell all night last night, which put a good season in the ground, which will benefit growing

AXTELL, May 15.—Crops in this vicinity are looking splendid. There is a larger acreage than last year, and the rain that fell on the 12th almost insures a bountiful yield.

TEXAS SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

New Birmingham is to have a \$7000 pub-e school building ready for occupancy by September 1. A contract has been closed for the building

of a school house in Dickinson's addition to Rusk. The house will be used for church The Cameron city council has decided to rebuild the college at once and brick is being hauled to the grounds for that purpose.

About \$1200 has been subscribed to build a Baptist church at Garland. It is the desire of the church to erect a \$2000 building. A fine schoolhouse will be built at Karnes in the sear future. It will be very likely built of brick.

The new Christian church at Sidney is a beautiful building.

Methodists in Georgetown are preparing to build a new church to cost \$15,000. The present church will be used by the South-western University as a chapel. A new parsonage will also be built,

The Abilene Baptist college is progress-ing very nicely in north park and will be in readiness for the fall term of the school. Breckenridge is said to have five of the inest church buildings and the largest choolhouse to be found in town any of 800 inhabitants in the state.

Britis, May 17.—The church building of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at this place was dedicated to-day by Rev. W. D. Mounteastle with appropriate cere-monies. It is one of the neatest little

churches in North Texas. GREENWOOD, May 15.—The people of Greenwood are greatly delighted over the prospect of their college building, which is to cost \$2500, this being the only chartered institute in Wise county. Shares have been taken amounting to the sum of \$1500. BLACK JACK, May 16.—The election held here to-day for the incorporation of Black Jack for school purposes was carried by

TEXAS PROGRESS.

The iron columns for Seymour's grand spera house are on the ground.

Crowell is builing up very rapidly. New houses, both business and dwellings, are going up daily.

The Rienderson improvement society is doing some good work,

Every carpenter in Van Alstyne is busy. The contract for the Rockdale waterworks has been signed.

A new \$10,000 hotel and flowing water are among the possibilities of the near fut-ure in Hubbard.

A large amount of land in the northeastern portion of Karnes county is being opened up for cultivation and that beautiful section of the county is fast developing into a fine agricultural district.

The sleepers for the new courthouse floor at Comanche are to be of steel, which will give it strength and durability. There is a strong talk of a street car line

to connect North and South Decatur. Two new commission houses will be opened and a large grocery establishment will be put in at Colorado City at an early

Plans and specifications are being pre-pared for the erection of a number of hand-some buildings at Santa Anna. Real estate is changing hands in Abilene

much more rapidly than for some time and inquiry for lands is increasing every day. BELLS, May 17.-Yesterday was another day in Bells' calender to be marked with a white stone, in which one of her citizens signed a contract for the erection of a fine brick hotel at this place. Hotel to be furnished with bathrooms and other conveniences, that together with the management will make this a most desirable resting place for

tired travelers. SETMOUR. May 16 .- The bridge over the Brazes river at this place, which was partly washed away during the recent rains, has been repaired and is now ready for travel. This will be good news to parties living across the river, and business will now open up afresh with that part of

BAIRD, May 16,-Several new houses have been completed and are now occupied. COLORADO CITY, May 15. The town council has closed a contract with the electric light company for the lighting of the streets with incandescents. A num-ber of lights were taken and the business part of town will be finely illuminated

The works are making rapid headway and will be ready for operation by June 1. ROCKDALE, May 14.-The waterworks company is making preparations for begin-ning work very soon, and under the impetus of assured permanence and prosperity of the town quite a little building boom has

VICTORIA, May 13 .- Victoria county will have a new courthouse. The commission-ers decided definitely to-day upon a structure to cost between \$50,000 and \$55,000 The consequent increase of taxation will be scarcely perceptible.

TEXAS MILLS AND FACTORIES.

GRANBURY, May 13 .- At a special meeting last night at the Board of Trade rooms. a proposition from the Plummer manufacturing company to put in a canning factory here, provided the citizens would take \$5000 stock, was considered and indorsed by all present, and \$5500 of the stock was subscribed before the meeting adjourned. A committee was appointed to canvass for the remaining \$1500 to-day. Success is assured.

A planing mill is to be established by home capitalists in the near future. Plans

gone to work with renewed energy. Corn clamp containing 190,000 brick, and there is and cotton crops are in fine condition. another of the same capacity nearly read; for burning, and still another in contempla

> WICHITA FALLS, May 13.-The new ice factory started yesterday, and will run regularly, turning out from ten to fifteen ions of ice per day.

Somervell county manufactures excellent lime and steps should be taken to develop the industry. It is said that Austin has the only company in the state making fine white lime white lime.

The contract for the woolen mill at Greenville has been closed and signed by Bigsby Bros. and the Greenville committee, Messrs, Bigsby will move their families to

Greenville at once. Henderson will in a short time have a brick and tile factory.

The Collin county milling association is now under the management of John R. Black.

The Tassie Belle furnace at Rusk will go in blast on or about the 15th instant. Work on the Star and Crescent furnace at Rusk is progressing rapidly.

It is said that a company of large capital contemplates putting in an oil mill at Rock-The New Birmingham lumber company

has just finished it's planing mill, which is situated near Tanner Spring. The Bowie roller mills will seen be ready

for business. The electric light machinery has arrived at Colorado City and is being placed in posi-tion. The wires are up and the city and all her people have contracted to take lights. Most all the churches have taken lights, and direct connection has been made and direct connection has been made

Some outside parties are figuring on buy-ing the San Marcos landry and establish ing an ice factory in connection with it. More water and purer water; better roads

and straighter roads; several sewers and good sidewalks; a cannery, tannery and an oil mill, are some things Comanche needs. A fine courthouse built upon the square set apart for that purpose is wanted at

The best location for a flouring mill in Texas is at Breckinridge, in the center of the great wheat belt of Northwest Texas, says the Texian. No flouring mill in the A bridge across the San Saba river would be of material benefit to San Saba.

Texas. This is true of horses, cattle and Lancaster, May 12.—Moffatt & Brady are progressing rapidly with their gin. The frame of the main bullding is up. They received 3000 pounds of iron rooting to-day.

More good stock is wanted in Southwes

TEXAS IMMIGRATION.

TULIA, May 15 .- Prospectors still pouring in, and our county is filling up rapidly School lands are nearly all taken up.

PLAINVIEW, May 15.—Prospectors are coming in every day and all are warm in their praise of the Central Plains country. Salisbury, May 15.—Prospectors con-tinue to flow in and the growing crops catch them every time. Teneral. May 12.—A caravan of movers in wagons going West from the East passed through Terrell this morning and another delegation passed through in the afternoon

going in the same direction. PANHANDLE. May 11.—Prospectors are plentiful, and several good, substantial men have located recently.

TEXAS NEEDS AND WANTS.

San Diego wants a volunteer fire depart-

Hartly wants a new hotel. McKinney wants the work of sinking an

Rockdale is agitating the question of an annual fair. A large boarding-house, convenient to the college, is one of the needs of Garland.

Waxahachie wants an artesian well. Uvalde wants a railroad to Corous

MIAMI, May 15.—We are greatly in need of a family grocery at this place, as there is not one in the county on account of destructive fire that laved our little town in ashes on the morning of the 2nd.

ALTAR AND TOMB.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. Jo Dash and Miss Sarah Stanton, Galveston, May 1.
Mr. H. C. Gray and Miss Emily Will-lams, Galveston, May 2.
Mr. Alfred C. Torbert and Miss Amelia Mr. Alfred C. Torbert and Miss Ameria
R. Labatt, Galveston, May 3,
Mr. Amado Hernandez and Miss Patricia
DeLeon, Galveston, May 9,
Mr. W. Goldberg and Miss Margaretha
Woehler, Galveston, May 9,
Mr. John Cordsen and Miss Georgia
Cannon Galveston, May 6

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Mr. M. Herschfeld and Miss Sophia
Werblowsky, Galveston, May 8.

Mr. E. R. Lackmann and Miss Annie

Kuhn, Galveston. May 7.
Mr. T. W. Blake and Miss Clara A.
Avery, Galveston, May 8.
Mr. Newt Harper and Miss Mary Sneed, Austin, May 7.

Mr. J. S. Pressler and Miss Katie Deats, Austin, May 8.

Shanks and Miss Rosetta Jeffer-Mr. Franz Kunze and Mrs. H. Rombolt, Mr. C. M. Gould and Mrs. W. H. Mullins, Tyler, May 10. Mr. J. H. Allen and Miss Cora Easley, lenderson, May 5. Mr. E. D. Boxley and Miss Mary Lee,

Belton, May 10. Dr. J. C. Payne and Miss Mande Rogers. Mr. Will Jones and Miss Jennie Royster, Sherman, May 10. Hernandez and Miss Nicolasa

Coronado, San Antonio, May 10. Mr. F. W. Ryan and Miss Annie Walker, Paris, May 11.

Mr. E. E. Wells and Mrs. S. E. Carr, Paris, May 10.

Mr. Andy Dean and Miss Annie Bass, Paris, May 9. Mr. E. Kincaide and Mrs. Mattie Darrow, Paris, May 10. Mr. Will McNeill and Miss Mollie Christmas, Stephenville, May 8,
Mr. W. M. Flatt and Miss Bueno V.
Vailes, Cleburne, May 6,
Mr. J. S. Norwood and Miss Ida Jones,

Cleburne, May 7.

Mr. George W. Bell and Miss Betty Fox, Cleburne, May 8. Mr. R. M. Grimes and Miss F. A. Mabry, Cleburne, May 10.
Mr. J. S. Hill and Miss Lucy Ann Smith, Cleburne, May 11. Mr. S. D. Snodgrass and Miss Lizzie Cleland, Mount Pleasant, May II. Mr. D. W. Graham and Miss Amanda

Glover, Cameron, May 11. Mr. H. J. Brooks and Miss Janie C. Judd, Whitesboro, May 14. Mr. G. M. Fletcher and Miss Emma Barr, Bonham, May 11. | Mr. Herman Hempkins and Miss Nora Waples, Greenville, May 13.

Mr. George Boyd and Miss Jane Chesley, Houston, May 12. Mr. Andrew Keller, jr., and Miss Victory Mr. Andrew Rener, Jr., and Miss Victory Kreigel, Houston, May 12. Mr. Sam Haney and Miss Merty Carson, near Coalville, May 13. Mr. E. W. Reagan and Miss Laura Grif-

fith, Blooming Grove, May 10.

Mr. Robert I. Douglass and Mies Nellie Williams, Rockland, May 3. Mr. Joe Suggs and Miss Mary Smith, Pittsburgh, May 3. Mr. Clarence Redden and Miss Lula Rat-

tan. Comanche, May 2.
Mr. E. W. Perdue and Miss Elner Cameron, Linden, May 6. A substitution of the last ten days the last ten days the last ten days the botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer people have the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer between the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker botter, and the farmer between the fires were taken from a large and Miss Bertha Winker between the farmer between the farmer between the farmer between the

Mr. Frank William and Miss Nancy Ways, San Antonio, May 8,
Mr. Charles Alt and Miss Helen Spill, San Antonio, May 8,
Mr. J. M. Smart and Miss Mattle Cheatham, Burnet, May 7,
Mr. Ross Murphy and Miss Lazzie Miller, Cameron, May 6,
Mr. N. M. Gilchrist and Miss Mary E. Lee, Cameron, May 4,
Mr. Porter Jones and Miss Ella Bryant, Cameron, May 7,
Mr. D. W. Graham and Mrs. Amanda Glover, Cameron, May 9,
Mr. William Huffman and Miss Juella Johnson, Cameron, May 10,
Mr. J. A. Steward and Miss Inez Davidson, Cameron, May 12,
Mr. J. B. Dixon and Miss S. A. Davis, Cameron, May 11,
Mr. John Norseon, and Miss Burnica Cameron, May 11.

Mr. John Newsom and Miss Burnice
Donaldson, Athens, May 8.

DEATHS. Mrs. Frank Graham, Johnson City, May

Mr. Logan Clay, Paris, May 9.
Mr. Will D. Smith, Corsicana, May 5.
Mrs. Ennma Surna, San Antonio, May 7.
Mr. F. S. Hormuth, LaGrange, May 7.
Mr. John Johnson, Temple, May 9.
Mr. W. B. Poling, Childress, May 7.
Mrs. D. A. Hawkins, Mexia, May 8.
Mr. Jim Coker, near Woodland, May 6.
Mr. D. F. James, near Pecos City, May 7.
Mrs. Melissa Brown, near Riddleville,
May 5.

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Mr. Fred Batto, Dallas, May 10.
Mr. William Benton, Santo, May 7.
Mr. John Zigler, near Palestine, May 11.
Mr. Jeff Varner, Matador, May 10.
Mr. John Johnson, Temple, May 10.
Mr. J. J. Watts, near Thornton, May 7.
Mr. Marida H. Neal, Marshall, May 14.
Mr. Joseph G. Bouldin, Belmont, May 5.
Mr. Charles Schaefer, Hallville, May 14.

DALLAS SHAKEN UP.

Lightning Strikes a Powder Magazine.

A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

The Magazine, Houses, Trees, Orchards, Etc., Demolished in the Neighborhood.

Several Families Escape Narrowly with Their Lives-Windows and Brica-Brac Wrecked at Dallas

and Oak Cliff-Notes.

A YOUNG KARTHQUAKE.

special to the Gazette. Special to the Gazette.

Dallas, Tex., May 17.—At 3 o'clock this morning Dallas was visited by a territic storm of wind and rain that will be long remembered by those who saw and heard. The thunder was deafening, while the constant lightning was dazzling in brightness. At 3:15 the storm was at its highest, when suddenly thousands of people throughout, this 3:15 the storm was at its highest, when suddenly thousands of people throughout this city and Oak Cliff were aroused from their sleep by a heavy rumbling sound, followed by the swaying of their houses. People sprang from their beds, all wondering what could have been the cause. This morning everyone was talking of the earthquake shock, which had been felt in all parts of the city. Windows were broken, clocks, pletures and side wall ornaments were knocked to the floors and broken. These reports came in from all parts of the city, while from Oak Cliff came the news that many large window glasses in the stores on Tenth street

Tenth street
HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED. Goods in the stores located in South Dal-las were thrown from the shelves and bunched together on the floor. The earthquake theory was soon ex-ploded, however, for the news soon spread

that the large powder magazine situated south of town had been struck by lightning and was now a thing of the past. A visit to the place where the magazine was revealed the place where the magazine was revealed a scene of desolation and wonderment.

The magazine had been a brick building 16x26 feet and fifteen feet high. It was built on a rock foundation Not a vestige of the building was in sight, not even a brick. But a hole ten feet deep and 150 feet in circumference had taken its place. Two bundered feet away had been

place. Two hundred feet away had been located the house of J. W. Armstrong, the magazine keeper, but NOTHING REMAINED

of it except a few armsful of kindling wood. Mr. Armstrong, his wife and three children were asleep in the house at the time of the explosion. Mr. Armstrong's first knowledge of the explosion was when he regained consciousness sometime after at the house of a negro some distance from his home. The falling house boards had

hit him, rendering him senseless, while his wife and children were unhurt. Mrs. Armstrong pulled her busband from the wreck, taking him to the negro neighbor's.
The Armstrong's household goods were
all blown away except a sewing machine and a few odds and ends. A stable containing two horses at the rear of the house was also razed to the ground and blown away, leaving the horses with scarce a scratch. Two dogs were killed and two wagons were completely wrecked.

an orchard of 160 peach and plum trees was entirely uprooted and scarcely a vestige of it can be

Five acres of garden have entirely disap-On one side of the magazine was a strip of woods. A number of acres of this wood have been cut down as completely as if done with an ax, while the entire surface

of ground is covered to a depth of four

inches by the dirt taken from the hole where the powder house stood. The woods are full of small pieces of brick no larger than eggs.
Fully one-third of a mile from where the explosion took place two trees about eight inches in diameter were completely cut down by rocks. One piece of rock weighs fully three hundred pounds, while the other rock is some smaller. Near these trees is the home of Alice Graham, and it was nearly destroyed. Rocks tore the kitchen room completely away while the entire end

the sleeping-room was torn off. The house was PULL OF ROCKS

and pleces of brick, and, strange to say, none of the inmates were injured.

In another direction a barn a quarter of a nile off had an end knocked out. Houses within a radius of a mile were all more or ess injured, but the strangest part of all

was that no one was hurt.

The magazine was situated near the
Texas Trunk railroad, about three miles
from the city hall, and was owned with its
contents by Frank J. Smith. Mr. Smith was seen and said his loss on powder alone is over \$11,300. Mr. Smith says lightning must have struck the building, causing the explosion. The doors to the building were of iron, and it took the combined strength of three men to lift one of them, and, strange to say, not a shred of either door has yet been found.

NEGRO BURGLARS.

About 8:30 o'clock this morning three negroes entered the clothing store of the Home manufacturing company on Elm street and one of them engaged in conversa-tion with the clerk and the other two stole four pair of pants valued at \$25 and then lit out. The loss was soon found out and police officers Alexander and Saunderson gave chase. They sighted the two coons a couple of blocks away and made a run for them. The coons being hard pressed threw the stolen goods into a house as they passed it and then made for the river bottoms, thereby escaping. The pants were re-

Mr. George Anzy, manager of the Dalias opera house, and Mr. George Robinson, manager of the Oak Cliff opera house, leave to-morrow morning for New York. They will remain about two weeks returning by the Cromwell steam ship line, in compa

HAD BEEN ROBBED.

Last night James McDonald was found on Commerce street by the mounted police dressed only is underclothes. He talked

You are paying from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per acre rent. If you are renting on shares for one-third and one-fourth of the crop, you are paying more. After your crop is gathered and your labor ended you yet have no home nor a foot of land on the face of the earth. I will sell you your choice of lands out of

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razy and was locked up. This morning James claimed to have been robbed of \$22 while in a house of ill fame and under the influence of liquor. This morning an in-vestigation led to the arrest of Lucy Rus-

sell and Lillie Campbell, charged with the

It Wasn't Foster's Storm This Time. pecial to the Gazette LANCASTER, Tex., May 17 .- This morning between 3 and 4 o'clock a sharp but short shock of earthquake was noticed here. Little damage was done. Some toilet ar-ticles, pitchers, dishes, etc., were thrown down and broken. It was raining and some thought it was caused by heavy thunder, but it was more severe and of shorter duration than the tremor accompanying heavy thunder. Quite a number repor-

having been suddenly awakened and almost thrown from their beds. News from the surrounding country report it felt every-where heard from.

Professor Foster's earthquakes to be during the next thirteen months are coming on time. His atmospheric disturbances all come promptly on schedule time. I notice quite a number of skeptics are anxious to read his letters. It is to be hoped the present storm will give us a "ground soaker" before it passes to those east of us.

A BETTER FEELING

Prevails in Kansas Now Since the Soaking Rains of Yesterday and the Night Previous.

Kansas Cirr, Mo., May 17 .- The Star says the crop reports from Kansas have been getting worse and worse every day for a week, and yesterday there were very few local grain men who did not feel anxious over the outlook.

over the outlook.

The temper of advices is completely changed to-day. Soaking rains fell last night and to-day throughout the wheat belt. Telegrams from Larned, Hutchison, Attica, Topeka, Ellsworth, Salina, Abliene, McPherson, Great Bend, Dephos and Independence at the that good wires fell and at the control of the con McPherson, Great Bend, Dephos and Inde-pendence state that good rains fell, and at some of these places it is still raining.

The rain is moving eastward, and it is probable that before to-morrow morning the entire state of Kansas will have a good wetting down. The rain will do an immense amount of good, but there is some question still as to whether in some sections the rav-ages of insects have not gone too far to be completely overcome by favorable weather. completely overcome by favorable weather. At any rate, it now seems certain that the state will raise from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels of wheat.

FINE WHEAT

One Sample from Hall County and One from Tarrant County.

A citizen of Hall county, Charles Sloan, living near Newlin, sends The Gazette a sample of wheat taken from his field, which shows what an immense crop will be raised. It is a bunch of stubble grown from one grain. A careful count shows 130 sprouts or live straws from the one grain. A careful count shows 130 sprouts or live straws from the one grain. If this wheat is sown too close there will naturally be some loss, for all of it could not mature. Mr. Sloan promises to send two of the heads of wheat in time so the amount of grain raised can be told. Hall county will be one of the great wheat counties of Texas. By August FOR GAZETTE SUBSCRIBERS ONLY!

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. The Cook Book, Silverware and Sewing Machine bear the Gazette's name.

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hives or Forks will be sent with the

the farmers in that county will have plenty The second sample of wheat comes from S. M. Moore, on Mary's creek, seventeen miles west of Fort Worth, and is a fair

sample from seventy-five acres in that sec-tion. It will make from twenty to thirty-

five bushels per acre, and the other crops in the neighborhood will do as well. The mills will have all they can do this year. Subscribe for the Weekly GAZETTE: 0